

**PATENT**

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MANAGEMENT IN A MULTILEVEL HIERARCHY

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.131, I hereby state under oath that prior to April 1, 2003 (hereinafter Critical Date), we conceived in the United States our "(AS AMENDED) SYSTEM WITH CHASSIS FOR FEATURE RIGHTS MANAGEMENT IN A MULTILEVEL HIERARCHY" as described in the claims of our patent application filed Sep 25, 2003 and any amendments thereto, and that we exercised due diligence from prior to said Critical Date until the filing of our patent application on Sep 25, 2003. I hereby further state that the attached pages of our HighLevel & Detailed Design Specs for FAS Agent, FAS Feature Key Generator, FAS Server, and FAS Sub-Agent are true copies of the original showing conception of our "(AS AMENDED) SYSTEM WITH CHASSIS FOR FEATURE RIGHTS MANAGEMENT IN A MULTILEVEL HIERARCHY" of which any visible dates have been redacted.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted

  
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